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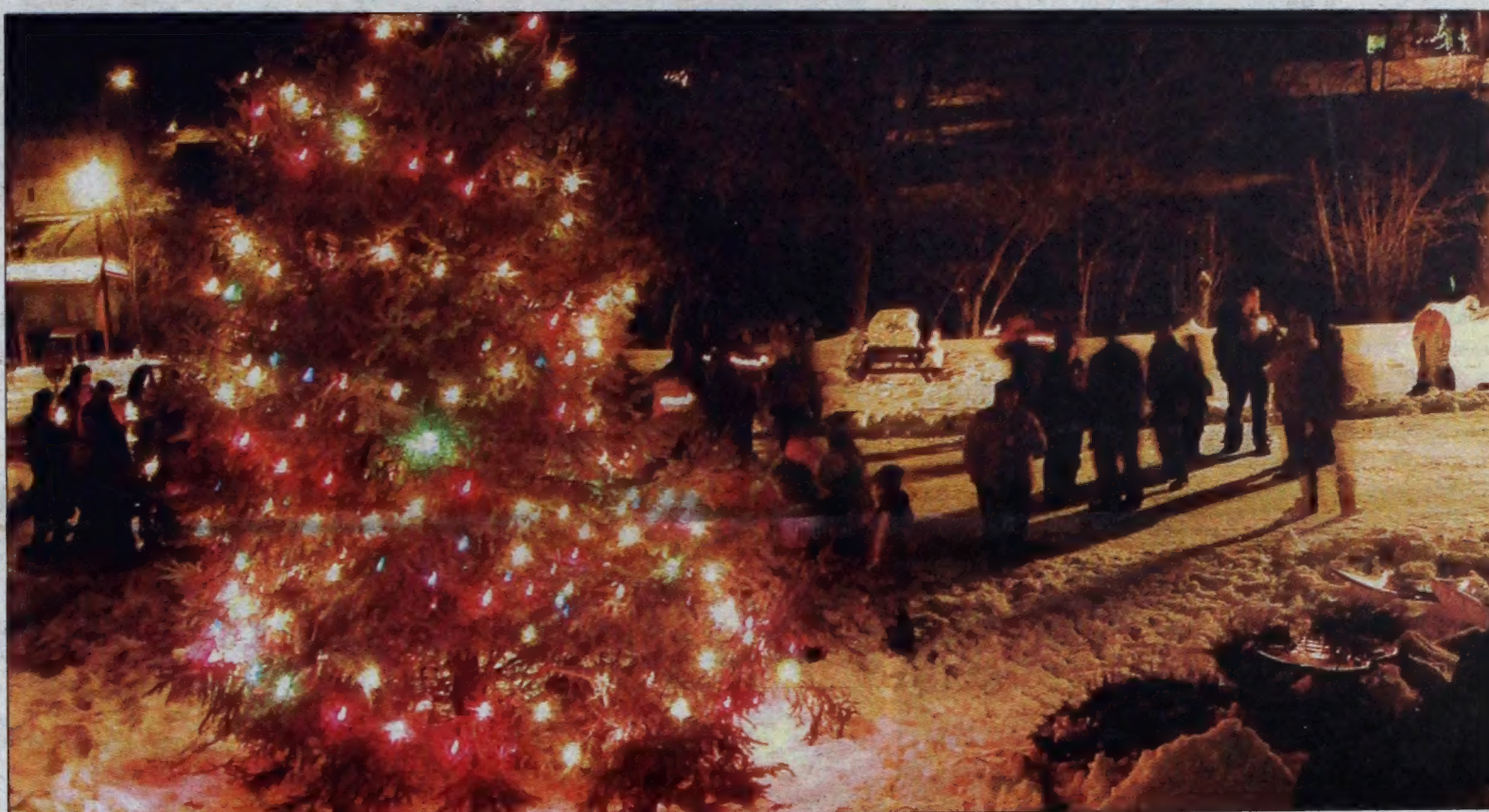
by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The townships of Haliburton County may soon have a problem finding a destination for their recyclable waste.

Muskoka Containerized Services, the Bracebridge recycling centre responsible for diverting most of Haliburton County's recyclable material to global buyers, is experiencing a steep decline in demand for recyclable materials.

"There's not a lot of opportunity to move things," Paul Wills, the centre's district manager, said last week.

Wills said the recent downturn in the global see MCS page 8



Matt James/TIMES

Small town, pretty lights

Kinmount was aglow on Thursday night when villagers gathered at the Austin Sawmill Park for the annual tree-lighting ceremony. The Christmas spirit continues this Sunday when Santa Claus arrives at 2 p.m. for the annual parade. Details on page 18.

Buckslide resident donates land for new camp

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Haliburton County will become home to a camp for children with cancer if one resident gets his wish.

Buckslide Road resident Gord Martin recently donated his 450-acre property to Camp Trillium, an organization that runs summer camp programs for Ontario children with cancer and their families.

Martin, 84, was recently relocated to a nursing home because of poor health, but his neighbour and caretaker, Kathy Patterson, told the *Minden Times* just how important the donation is to Martin.

"This is what he wanted to do so badly," Patterson said.

Martin purchased the property with his two brothers, Harry and Ken, in 1950 and is the last surviving sibling. Patterson said the three men lived together for most of their lives, never mar-

rying or having children, despite the fact that all three were big fans of kids.

"It was Gord's wish to find a cause that would benefit children again and again," she said. "They were heroes of the war and now they are going to be heroes to children."

Camp Trillium executive director Marci Shea-Perry said she was thrilled by Martin's donation.

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U-Links may get boost

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands township will consider a funding boost for the U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research when it draws up its 2009 budget.

The Minden-based centre matches university students with community organizations in Haliburton County to help with researching, planning and development of community projects and programs.

The centre's director, Heather Reid, made a presentation to Algonquin Highlands council at its December 4 meeting, asking councillors to consider making a financial contribution to the centre for the upcoming fiscal year.

The bulk of the centre's operating costs come from Peterborough's Trent University.

"We're looking to townships to discuss relationships and how to capitalize on the investment from Trent," Reid told councillors.

Trent has agreed to a seven-year funding contract, Reid said, adding that the centre is currently investigating a partnership with Kingston's Queens University whereby students in its business school would come to the county to help with rural economic development.

"We have a history to U-Links in the county," said Councillor Carol Moffatt. "It's a great program that I think is an incredible value to the community."

Reid also told council she would be interested in setting up a mechanism that would have students work alongside township staff.

While chief administrative officer Lorne Mitchell said that staff members were busy with their workloads, he said he'd like to plan discussions with Reid to see what could be done.

"I think it has interest," Mitchell said.

While no exact financial figures were discussed last week, Minden Hills makes an annual in-kind contribution to the centre worth \$6,000 for the use of one of its Bobcaygeon Road buildings.

Algonquin Highlands's budget year runs January through December.



Dental hygienist Carolyn Kinsman-Ludlow works on a patient. Kinsman-Ludlow is bringing a new oral health program to the clinic that includes periodontal assessments and oral cancer screening.

Photo by Chad Ingram

New dentists will cap off Minden's dental practice

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Smile.

The Minden Dental Clinic has changed hands and the facility will be offering new technologies and dental hygiene programs as the practice is updated and its Bobcaygeon Road office renovated.

In September, Bobcaygeon dentist Dr. Rene Boljkovac purchased the practice from Dr. John Purc, who has been filling Minden's cavities since 1970.

Purc will remain on staff at the office for few years to as-

sist Boljkovac, who will continue to operate his Bobcaygeon practice as well, with the transition.

"We've definitely taken a team approach towards serving the community," Boljkovac said.

He and Purc will be joined by two other dentists at the facility and dental hygienist Carolyn Kinsman-Ludlow will be providing periodontal assessments and oral cancer screenings.

Originally from Minden, Kinsman-Ludlow recently relocated to the area after working in Peterborough for a number of years.

"Dr. Purc was actually my dentist when I was kid," she said.

Boljkovac said he is hoping to bring new methods, such as digital X-rays and single-visit crown operations, to the practice.

"I did the same thing at my Bobcaygeon practice," he said, adding that when he bought a well-established practice there 10 years ago, he also brought in cutting-edge dental technology.

"It was a terrific opportunity and the area really needs dental service as it is under-served," Boljkovac said, referring to his purchase of the Minden practice.

The clinic is accepting new patients.

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Can you pretend you're a tree? Jesse Ellis, Ava Smith, Ella Moynes, Brooklyn Spence provide the actions to a song by Tamarack, an Ontario-based folk trio that performed for all of the students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School last week. (Tamarack was in the county for a performance at the Rails End Gallery.) At right, Ava really gets into it.



Tamarack turns everyone into a tree

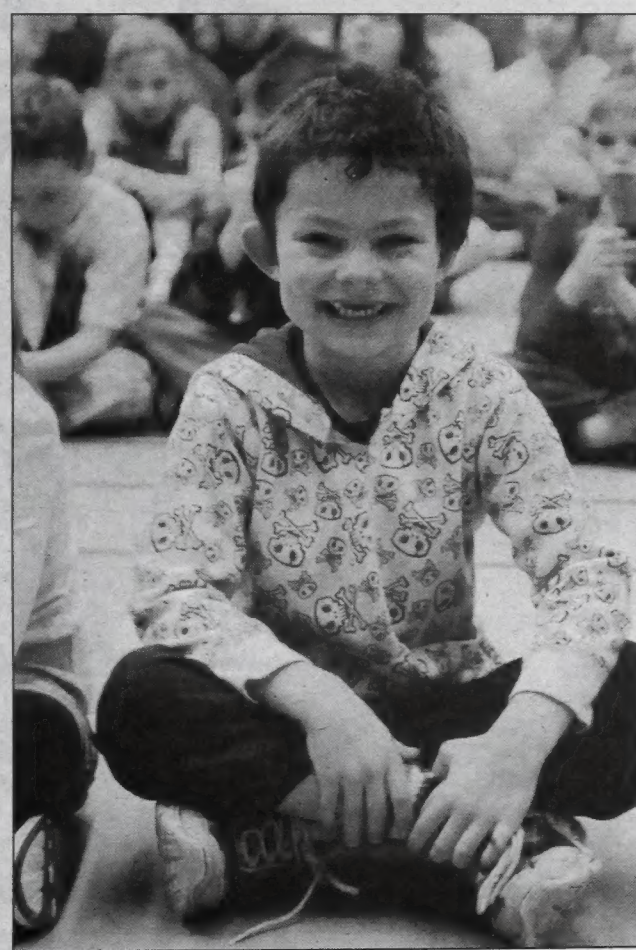


Singer Molly Kurvink has been with the folk band for many years but it was evident that she still loves what she's doing.



Bailey Manser listened intently to the band, which sang songs about our natural and cultural heritage.

Photos by Martha Perkins



Tyler Wilcox was all smiles and his grin revealed that he might be singing that favourite tune "All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth."

Share the gift of Christmas by donating toys

Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours has taken the initiative and joined forces with the Haliburton County Home Builders Association for the 13th Annual Christmas Toy and Food Drive. It is the drop off location in Carnarvon for toys and non-perishable food items until December 13.

The last few years have shown that this annual collection is becoming more and more necessary to families in need in the community. What better way to show your support of

such a worthy cause than by being offered the opportunity to share some holiday spirit and give back to those people who need our help to make this Christmas less of a financial burden?

This will be the first of many years to come that Trails and Tours will have a drop off box at their location and staff encourages everyone to become involved. Even a small effort is an effort nonetheless and will be of importance to

many families this holiday season.

Non-perishable food and toy donations can be dropped off at the Trails and Tours/Carnarvon Post Office located beside Carnarvon Castle Lumber at 15500, Hwy 35. It's open Monday to Friday from 9 am – 5 pm and Saturday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

For more information please contact Sam, Tegan or Kerry at (705) 489-4049 or info@trailsandtours.com.

Carnarvon Christmas

More than 150 members of ladies' auxiliaries from Haliburton County's churches made their way to the Zion United Church in Carnarvon on December 3 for Christmas in Carnarvon. The annual celebration featured tea and snacks, skits, poetry and musical performances. The event has been held at the church each Christmas season for the past 35 years.

Top: Shirley Hill, Mildred Hill, Janice Shaw and Pat Moss of Lochlin United Church's Lochlin Little Lassies perform their unique version of Elvis's "Are You Lonesome Tonight?"

Bottom right: Ruth Carter of Eagle Lake Community Church asks for the "Christ" to be put back in Christmas.

Below: Lorna Hicks of St. Paul's Anglican belts out a tune.

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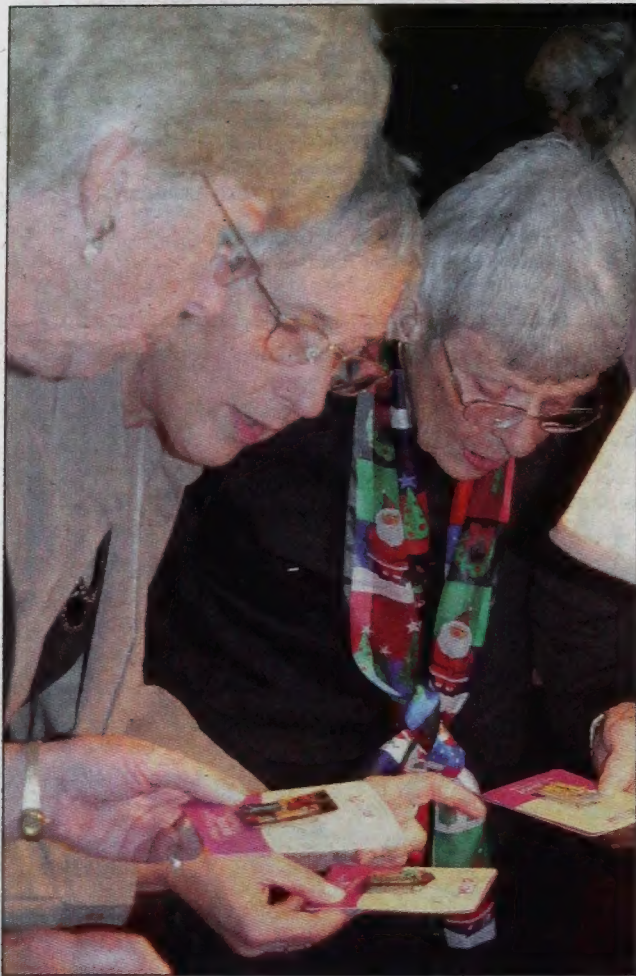
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Left: Sandra Duchemin, Beth Madole and Joan McDonald check out some of the pins on sale as a fundraiser for the Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign.

Above: Friends Dawn Brohman, left, and Val du Manoir drink hot cider and watch the musical stylings of Melissa Stephens and Ken Loney.

Joyous afternoon for Haliburton Grannies

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

The third annual Joyous Christmas Afternoon in support of the Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign attracted a full house to Stouffer Mill Bed and Breakfast.

Saturday afternoon a group gathered to listen to music, munch on Christmas goodies and donate to the cause, which provides money to grandmothers in Africa through the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

The Haliburton grannies group made \$2,400 that afternoon through donations and the sale of crafts. Mickey Bonham, one of the organizers of the event, said the group

got \$1,100 in donations before the event. Altogether \$3,500 will be sent to the foundation.

Because of the HIV/AIDS epidemic on the continent, grandmothers are often left caring for the children of their children after AIDS takes their lives.

Since its inception more than \$4 million has been sent to African grandmothers for life essentials like food, shelter and clothing.

Bonham said her group is still open to donations and you can get a hold of her at 286-2198 or Sue Reid at 286-6077.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

We're in this together

ACCORDING TO ECONOMISTS, we are in a recession when there is a reduction of a country's gross domestic product for two quarters (six months) in a row.

In other words, a recession occurs when we don't make as many products or buy as many products.

But a recession, more importantly, is a psychological phenomenon.

Once we believe the economy is in the tank, we're afraid to fill it with any more gas.

We cut back on our spending, worried about our jobs and ability to pay the bills. And because we cut back on our spending, the economy shrinks even more.

Every time there's more bad economic news we cut back on our spending even more.

When prices go down to lure us to spend, we put off spending money because we think prices will go down even more and we'll get a good bargain. Our mood and our economy are so deeply entwined that when one goes down, the other goes down.

At a time when the Haliburton County economy needs the most support, people are more inclined to do their shopping elsewhere.

They go to the big box stores and malls in search of the "50% off!" signs.

Most of the things they buy are cheaper because they were made in countries such as China, where labour costs are low and environmental protections are absent.

It gets even harder for North American companies – the companies that provide Canadians with jobs so that they too can go out and buy things – to compete.

And yet, we say, when money is so tight we have no other option than to watch our pennies and that means shopping out of town where the bargains are.

It's just that watching our pennies can make the local dollars disappear, dollars that fund our sports teams and hire our residents and contribute to the tax base so municipalities can spend money on services we all need. (Don't forget that a commercial business pays about two and a half times what a homeowner does even though their buildings are worth the same amount of money.)

When Stuart Brandon had to close Northland Sales on Minden's main street, he said that his store could compete with urban stores on price and on value. The one thing he couldn't compete with was the entertainment value of packing the kids in the car and driving to Barrie and Lindsay to shop and eat at McDonald's.

Before you head out of town for a day of shopping, give Haliburton County a chance.

Find out what main street has to offer, and check out our artisans spread along the back roads. Think outside the box for a unique gift. And, for the person who really does have everything, and definitely doesn't need more "stuff," read Neil Campbell's column and make a donation to one of the worthy causes he mentions in the recipient's name.

We all need to work together to make our local economy work.

Martha Perkins

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Angel tree

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Fellow feral cat volunteers reach out

To the Editor:

I'd like to introduce ourselves.

We are Port Colborne Feral Cat Initiative, a not-for-profit organization comprised of a group of local citizens that are concerned with the welfare of feral cats.

I came across your article regarding the feral cat situation in Minden and would like to offer any help on implementing a TNR (Trap/Neuter/Return) program in your area.

We ourselves are currently working on a couple of projects which will work towards achieving these goals.

If interested, please contact us at pferal-cats@live.com.

We can send info via email and would love to hear from upcoming volunteers in your area.

Deanne George
Port Colborne

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Pirates

IT SEEMS WE CAN'T GO A WEEK these days without hearing about Somali pirates taking one ship or another. Though this seems like one of those things that is happening on the other side of the world, I believe we need to pay attention here in Central Ontario too.

Why, you ask?

Well, because if we allow pirates to take over the oceans, our waters will be next. And I, for one, don't plan on fending off pirates, especially if the fishing is good that day.

Of course, there are other equally important reasons for curtailing piracy.

For one thing, if this proliferation of seafaring marauders continues, we, as consumers, can expect a worldwide shortage of parrots, skull and cross bone-related memorabilia, and hooks. And, if you think that cutlasses and colourful pantaloons are expensive now, just wait.

And don't ever forget that these pirates are not only bad people, they're sneaky too. They have slipped up on oil tankers, yachts, cruise ships, and all manner of vessels in between. With this in mind,

here's a quick, but useful guide to help deter piracy in our waters.

1. If an old wooden warship draws alongside your canoe and then suddenly hoists the skull and crossbones, and drops the gun doors, paddle hard in the opposite direction. The odds are good these folks are pirates.

2. Seriously consider arming your paddleboat with port and starboard cannons. Then learn how to use them. Needless to say, get the proper firearms permits first.

3. If you happen to be carrying an incredible Spanish treasure or the beautiful, high-spirited daughter of the Viscount of Jamaica, be extra vigilant. These are targets that pirates traditionally can't resist.

4. Avoid all secluded coves that have the words "skull" or "pirate" within their proper names.

5. Steer clear of any man-of-war that

has an obvious plank sticking out the side.

6. Should a crew of heavily-tattooed sailors wearing kerchiefs, eye patches, peg legs, and gold earrings show up in the immediate vicinity, keep an eye on them – even if they are not pirates.

7. Consider installing a crow's nest in your watercraft.

8. Don't carry any rum. This just makes you an enabler.

9. Two words: grape shot.

10. At all costs, steer clear of the Dry Tortugas.

11. If you have the critical, hidden part

of a treasure map tattooed upon your scalp beneath your hair, do yourself a favour and avoid the water during the pirating season.

12. Always carry a collapsible telescope and be prepared to use it.

Undoubtedly, there are more precau-

tions. In the meantime, I think it's only prudent to cut this article out and place it somewhere on your boat, preferably in a prominent location.

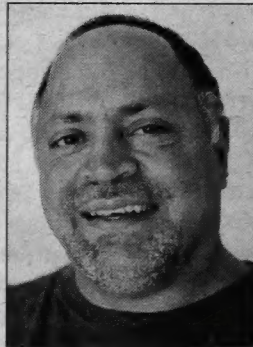
For all we know, pirates are sliding on our waters right now.

The main thing to remember about pirates is that they are looking for instant financial gratification – very much like U.S. bankers and automakers. So, if your boat is known to be carrying a shipment of gold doubloons, important treasure maps, or rare jewels, don't be surprised if a large ship-of-the-line pulls up beside you or if you are one day boarded by guys carrying knives in their teeth.

All this, of course, can be avoided if you remain in safe waters, be aware of your surroundings, and keep a low profile.

I guess what I'm trying to say is, when you are out on the water this year, the last thing you want to draw attention to is your booty.

*I can be reached at
TheOutdoorLife@aol.com*



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

Giving back to the places you live

BACK IN THE LAST depression, working men in Haliburton County didn't have to make much of an adjustment when hard times came to the rest of the country.

Hard times were the only kind of times they had known.

The adjustment is a little tougher now for couples trying to survive on two full-time minimum-wage jobs.

By the time you've paid for heat and light and the old car you need to get to work from the only place you can afford to live, there's not much disposal income left over for frivolities like food.

And that's when times are good.

In 2008, more and more hard-working people are getting help from such organizations as the Minden Food Bank, Point in Time and Food for Kids.

"It's only going to get worse," according to Barb Walford-Davis, who says about half of the food bank's 174 clients are working families.

You can donate food, cash, or, at this time of year, toys, to the **Food Bank**, whose reach extends from Dorset to Kinmount. Call Walford-Davis at 489-1715.

The Food Bank and the 23 other local good causes in this week's column are worthy of your consideration in this season of giving.

The list that follows includes names and phone numbers of people you can call for more information.

Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents, formerly Family Services, is receiving far more requests for help. Besides its regular programs, it needs help for families at Christmas, with gifts for teenagers at the very top of its list. Call Marg Cox, 457-5345.

Food For Kids provides school break-

fasts and healthy snacks. Karen Phipps, 457-1311.

The Ontario Early Years Centre provides early-learning activities, including music circles, arts and crafts and physical fitness as well as a toy-lending library and parent-education programs. Julie Pearson, 286-1770.

There is no shortage of defenders of Haliburton's landscape.

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, for example, has its focus on improving wetlands.

It needs help to buy nesting boxes for wood ducks and nesting tubes for mallards. Marilyn Wooder, 457-9664.

The Trails & Tours Network is developing a mineral tourism program that has identified 40 sites in every part of the county to go along with its inventory of walking trails. Samantha Davies, 489-4049.

Environment Haliburton is EH! for short. It protects and restores the Haliburton Highlands through advocacy, education and action. Heather Ross, 488-2632.

Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning (FEEL) offers many exciting learning opportunities, such as the Haliburton-Muskoka Children's Water Festival, which teaches elementary students about the important role of water in our world. Julia Robertson, 457-2913.

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust works to preserve the county's natural heritage through property acquisitions, research and education.

Sheila Ziman, 754-2532.

Haliburton Highlands Grannies and Help A Village Effort (HAVE) reach beyond the county's borders. The Grannies support the Stephen Lewis Foundation's work by helping African grandmothers raise AIDS orphans. Mickey Bonham, 286-2198.

HAVE, which started here and now has chapters across Canada, funds well-drilling in Third World villages, 16 of them in India in 2008. Ron Reid, 489-2431.

Riverwalk has built a walking trail along the Gull River in Minden, complete with a pedestrian bridge.

Next step in a crossing over a creek that empties into the river near the Clergy House. Laura Cunliffe, 286-1260.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation needs another \$140,000 to pay for the new digital X-ray

machines at the Minden and Haliburton hospitals. Dale Walker, 286-1580.

Community Care Haliburton County helps fund services for seniors that aren't quite covered by tax dollars including such items at emergency response systems and frozen meals on wheels. Hilary Elia, 457-2941.

SIRCH Community Services and Consulting helps folks deal with life-threatening illnesses.

Its latest program supports people dealing with cancer. Linda-May Powers, 457-1742.

The **Kinmount District Health Services Foundation** needs money to buy equipment for two new doctors it



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

will recruit for the expanded Kinmount Medical Centre. Ted Wilkes, 488-2667.

Since 1995, the **Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development** has raised more than \$300,000 for community projects from a Santa Claus parade to Music in the Park to restoration of the Austin Saw Mill, which has consumed more than half that sum. Diane Austin, 488-2635.

Women suffering from abuse in their homes and lives can find a safe space at the **YWCA Women's Centre**. Daisy Downs, 286-1942.

Words are at the heart of the work of three worthy causes.

Make a gift of books or magazine subscriptions or fund special projects for your branch of the **Haliburton County Public Library**. Sue Robinson, 457-2241.

The focus is on adult literacy at the **John Howard Society Outreach Literacy Program**, but it also offers life-skill programs with tutoring in everything from mathematics to cooking and banking. Sherry Harpell, 457-3430.

R.D. Lawrence Place, part of the Minden Cultural Centre, fosters a love of reading, promotes the art of writing and deepens respect for our natural heritage. Sheryl Loucks, 286-2298.

The **Stanhope Heritage Discovery Museum** completed a major restoration of its tiny building that put more of its collection on display but has ongoing costs for such items as marketing and its annual Heritage Day. Betty Moffatt, 489-3021. Proceeds from the **Minden Hills Volunteer Fire Department's 2009 Cash Calendar** help pay for new equipment. Daily prizes of \$25 or more add up to \$12,875 for the year. 286-1202.

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MCS may have to decline some recycled materials

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economy has resulted in decreased demand for everything from scrap metal to cardboard to newsprint.

"Most of it is clearly linked to this change in the marketplace," he said. "Newsprint we have no buyers for."

Wills said the bottoming out of America's housing industry has seen demand for cardboard, which can be recycled into a variety of building materials, drop drastically.

"If you're not building houses, you don't need cardboard boxes," he said.

In the last few years, Wills said most of Canada's recyclable fibres have been exported to China, but that market is drying up too.

"Basically, that tap has been turned off," he said.

Without buyers for its recyclables, Wills said there is a possibility the centre may have to start refusing to accept certain materials.

"We have not had to do that yet, but we are being extremely discriminatory with the loads we receive," he said.

Wills said that any "contaminated" loads — those that include anything other than a specific recyclable — are being returned to municipalities on the townships' dollar.

The county's townships have said they are not feeling the crunch yet, but are acutely aware of what could become a major problem.

"At this point it hasn't had any detri-

mental effect," said Brian Whetstone, operations manager for Algonquin Highlands. "Everything is status quo and there is much due diligence in ensuring that proper materials are in their proper bins."

Whetstone said the Association of Municipal Recyclers, of which he is a member, is working with the province to find solutions to the growing recycling problem.

"It's especially important for small municipalities when landfill expansion is so difficult," he said.

While shipping its recyclables to the centre has never been a real cash cow for the municipality, Whetstone said in 2008 for the first time the township was able to negotiate a contract with the centre that saw a revenue return on the sale of scrap metal.

Whetstone said he had no expectation that this would occur again in the future.

Since July, Wills said the price the centre is able to pay for scrap metal has plummeted to a point of "near non-existence," to just 21 cents per pound.

Like his Algonquin Highlands counterpart, Dysart waste manager Mark Brohm said recycling operations in his township are continuing as usual for the time being.

"Up until now there's been no problems," Brohm said.

While he acknowledged the major drop in prices the township is receiving for recyclables, he didn't find it disconcerting. "It doesn't have to be a moneymaker."

Like Whetstone, Brohm said the main goal for Dysart would be keeping its recyclables out of landfills if the recycling centre starts refusing certain materials.

"If MCS isn't taking it, you can rest assured others aren't taking it," he said.

Brohm wasn't sure if the municipality would be able to set up its own storage facility for recyclables if the centre does put a ban on certain materials.

Highland East Reeve Dave Burton said he hadn't had anything come across his desk with regards to problems with recycling, but said he was meeting with representatives from the recycling centre later this week.

"Prices are way, way down," Burton said, adding he wasn't sure what course the township would take if the centre starting refusing certain materials.

In Minden Hills, Reeve Jim McMahon was also concerned about keeping recyclables out of landfills and said the problem is one the province should probably be looking closely at.

While Wills said the last three years have been a boon for the recycling industry, he doubts demand would have again reach such high levels.

Still, he said the centre is committed to finding environmentally friendly uses for recyclable materials.

"We'll do everything in our power not to see it go to landfills," he said.



SEASON'S GREETINGS

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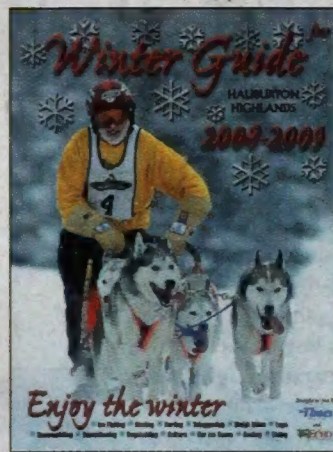
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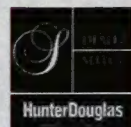
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Attention: Laura Cunliffe, Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk
7 Milne Street, Box 359, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0
(705) 286-1260 ext 215

All applications must be received on or before 4:00 on Thursday, December 18th, 2008.

NOTICE

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

See Page 18 for details

REQUEST FOR QUOTES

The Community Services Department is inviting sealed responses to our request for quotes to supply 21 induction light fixtures to replace the lights in the rink area at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

RFQ documents are available from the Township Office or on the Township website.

All Quotes are to be returned to the Township of Minden Hills, in a sealed envelope, to the attention of Rick Cox, Director of Community Services, clearly marked "Replacement Rink Lighting" no later than Wednesday, December 10th, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

LOWEST OR ANY TENDER NOT NECESSARILY ACCEPTED Quotes will be opened at 4:15 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10th, 2008 at the Township Administration Office, Second Floor, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario
Location: Township of Minden Hills, 2nd Floor
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Email: rcoc@mindenhills.ca

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EQUIPMENT TENDER - KEN JONES, CBO

The Township of Minden Hills is accepting "sealed" tenders for the sale of surplus equipment listed below. Sealed tenders must be received by the Township Office (Attention: Ken Jones, CBO) at 7 Milne Street, P.O. Box 359, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10th, 2008. Envelopes must be clearly marked with "Equipment Tender" and the Item Number. (1) 2000 Chevrolet S-10 pickup truck. Approx 170,000 kms. Equipment will be sold as is, where is. The highest or any tendered price not necessarily accepted. The successful bidder will be required to pay in full prior to taking possession of the equipment. For further information or to arrange a viewing, contact Ken Jones, Chief Building Official/Planning Supervisor at 286-1260 Ext. 208. Sealed tenders will be opened on Wednesday, December 10th, 2008 at 4:15 p.m.
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Robin Hewitt at 286-1260 ext. 222

MEETINGS & EVENTS

December 11	Council, Council Chambers 9AM
December 12	Christmas Dance
December 16	Minden Fire Department Food & Toy Drive starts 7PM
December 22-23	Township office open
December 24-26	Township office closed
December 24-Jan 2	Minden Library Christmas Hours please call 286-2491.
December 29-30	Township office open
December 31-Jan 2	Township office closed
December 31	Minden Hills New Year's Party-See page 13 for details
January 15, 2009 @ 9:00 a.m.	Committee of the Whole mtg

The village of Minden is holding a birthday party...
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LANDFILL SITES - All landfill sites will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day - otherwise, regular dates and times will apply.

RIVERWALK PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGE FOUNDATION CONSTRUCTION
- commencing the week of November 3rd on Invergordon and Water Streets. Residents are advised to use caution around the construction equipment and workers and obey all signs. Construction is anticipated to occur on both sides of the river throughout the work period. For further enquiries Please call Rick Cox at (705) 286-1260 ext. 220.

ATTENTION

Any person parking on township maintained roadways during the winter months that prohibits removal of snow will be towed at the owner's expense.

WINTER SAND

will no longer be available at the Fleming Road-Roads Shed, effective immediately. Complimentary winter sand for personal use will be available in the parking lot at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.



R.D. LAWRENCE PLACE COMMEMORATIVE STAMP AUCTION

Own a piece of history.
Dec. 12 at 10 a.m. - 17 at 4 p.m.

The first of 100 sheets of the limited edition R.D. Lawrence Place commemorative stamps is being auctioned on-line.

For all of the details go to
www.mindenculturalcentre.com. All proceeds go to benefit the Place.

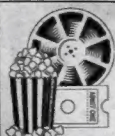
COURTESY TO SNOW REMOVAL STAFF

All residents are asked to be courteous to staff removing snow from roads and sidewalks - please do not follow snowplowing equipment too close as they require an area to reverse and move about while removing snow. Please stop well back (minimum of 50 metres) to allow intersections and tight areas to be cleaned - with everyone's cooperation the snow removal process can be completed that much faster and safer.

Thank you, Council and staff of the Township of Minden Hills

FACT OF INTEREST

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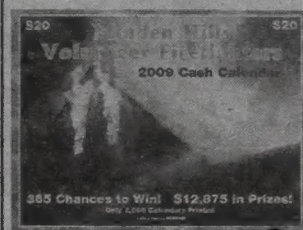
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Pursuant to the Township's Procedural By-law, notice is hereby given that the Council of the Township of Minden Hills will be considering a by-law for the purchase and sale of the 12 Mile Church and property for expanded cemetery purposes, including potential sites for columbaria and scatter garden uses. The proposed by-law will be subject to approval from the Cemetery Regulations Unit of the Ministry.

For further information, please contact:
(705) 286-1260 ext. 220, or rcoc@mindenhills.ca
Or (705) 286-1936, or rmiscio@mindenhills.ca

CHRISTMAS DANCE

Minden Community Centre

Friday, December 12, 2008

Doors open at 9pm Dance til 1am

DJ - Jamie Bacon ~ Cash Bar

Admission by donation of non-perishable food item or unwrapped children's top would be appreciated

Riverwalk Lottery Final Draw

Tickets available at the Township
Office and at this event.

MINDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT FOOD & TOY DRIVE

In the Village of Minden on December 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. the Minden Fire Department will be going door-to-door accepting non-perishable food items and new unwrapped toys.

Food and/or toys may also be dropped off at the Township of Minden Hills Administration Office or at the Township Fire Hall (call first 286-1202).

For more information, please contact Doug Schell, Fire Chief, for more information 286-1202.

BROOMBALL COMES TO MINDEN HILLS

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Thursday November 20, 2008

our "Minden on the Move Recreational Sporting Program" begins. The children range from ages 8 to 13. In order for the kids to go on the ice, we need to have helmets. Some students have helmets however some do not. If anyone has a spare helmet with full mask, could you please drop equipment off at the Minden Community Centre or the Township Office.

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Minden Hills Community Centre

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Original R.D. Lawrence stamp auctioned on EBay

Stamp collectors have been waiting since the launch of the R.D. Lawrence Place Commemorative Stamp on April 22 for the crème of the collection to be auctioned. On December 12 the wait is over. That's when the first numbered commemorative sheet hits the EBay auction block.

The auction runs until December 17.

There were only 100 numbered commemorative sheets of these legal Canadian postage stamps printed. The stamps were a popular seller and proved to be an excellent fundraiser. The printing of the first, in what will be a series of three stamps representing key figures and places within the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, was funded by the Haliburton County Development Corporation. The centre will be able to use the profits from this stamp to fund the museum's stamp next year. The auction, though, will directly support R.D. Lawrence Place.

On auction will be a commemorative sheet of 21 stamps featuring a blown up photograph by Jim Wuepper of Ron Lawrence

and Tundra, a wolf that he rescued, at Wolf Hollow, the private wildlife sanctuary he operated north of Gooderham. The sheet is signed by Wuepper. It also features commissioned artwork by Donna Bisschop of a wolf and R.D. Lawrence Place.

The package on auction will also include the numbered on commemorative sheet plus a sheet of 40 stamps, matching note card and bookmark, and an R.D. Lawrence Commemorative Anthology. These are all unique limited edition items only available at R.D. Lawrence Place.

People who cannot access the Internet but wish to participate in this exciting fundraising event can call Sheryl Loucks, RDLP coordinator, at 286-2298. She will organize a proxy bid for them. All of the details about how the auction will work and the stamps are on the new cultural centre website at www.mindenculturalcentre.com.

"These stamps will not be reproduced so it's a good investment that also helps us," says Loucks.

Donation of 450 acres thrills cancer camp

from page 1

"We are extremely excited and very gratified that this man has been so generous," Shea-Perry said.

The project will require much organization and planning, she said, as well as zoning changes to construct the facility.

"It's a long process for us to start and develop a camp," she said, adding that it will likely be three to five before the project is able to come to fruition.

Patterson said Martin is hoping the municipality will realize the value of such a project and grant the necessary zoning changes.

"It's Gord's wish that the county would rally with him to support this," she said.

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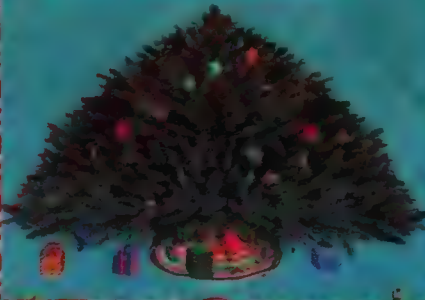


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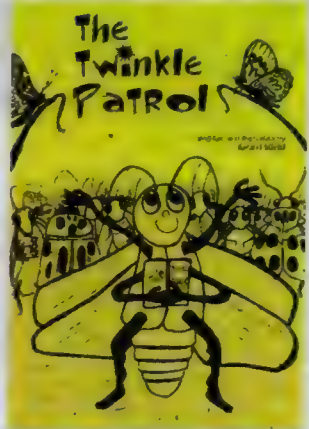
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WEATHERREPORT

Phil Graham

There was lots of variety in the weather this past November.

The first 10 days were mostly sunny and warm, but that was the last of it.

Then we had a week of rain.

Then we had winter – lots of snow, heavy wet snow and flurries.

There was considerable damage due to the heavy snow, especially to trees and shrubs.

The average temperature was -1.2°C, one degree colder than last November.

The average precipitation was 100 mm, slightly more than last November.

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all.

Average for the Month: -1.2°C, 29.8°F

Average for last November: -0.2°C, 0°F

Highest Temperature, November 6:

20.5°C, 68.9°F

Lowest Temperature, November 22:

-18.0°C, -4°F

Rain: 50.6 mm, 2 in

Snow: 49.0 cm, 19.2 in

Total Precipitation: 99.6 mm, 3.9 in

Total Precipitation for last November:

94.0 mm, 3.8 in

Days mostly Sunny: 7

Days with Rain or Snow: 14

Snow on the Ground, November 30:

26 cm, 10.2 in

Snow on the Ground for last November:

32 cm, 12.5 in

Snow fall November 1 to 30:

49 cm, 19.2 in

Average High: 5.1°C, 41.1°F

Average Low: -3.9°C, 24.1 °F

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8PM

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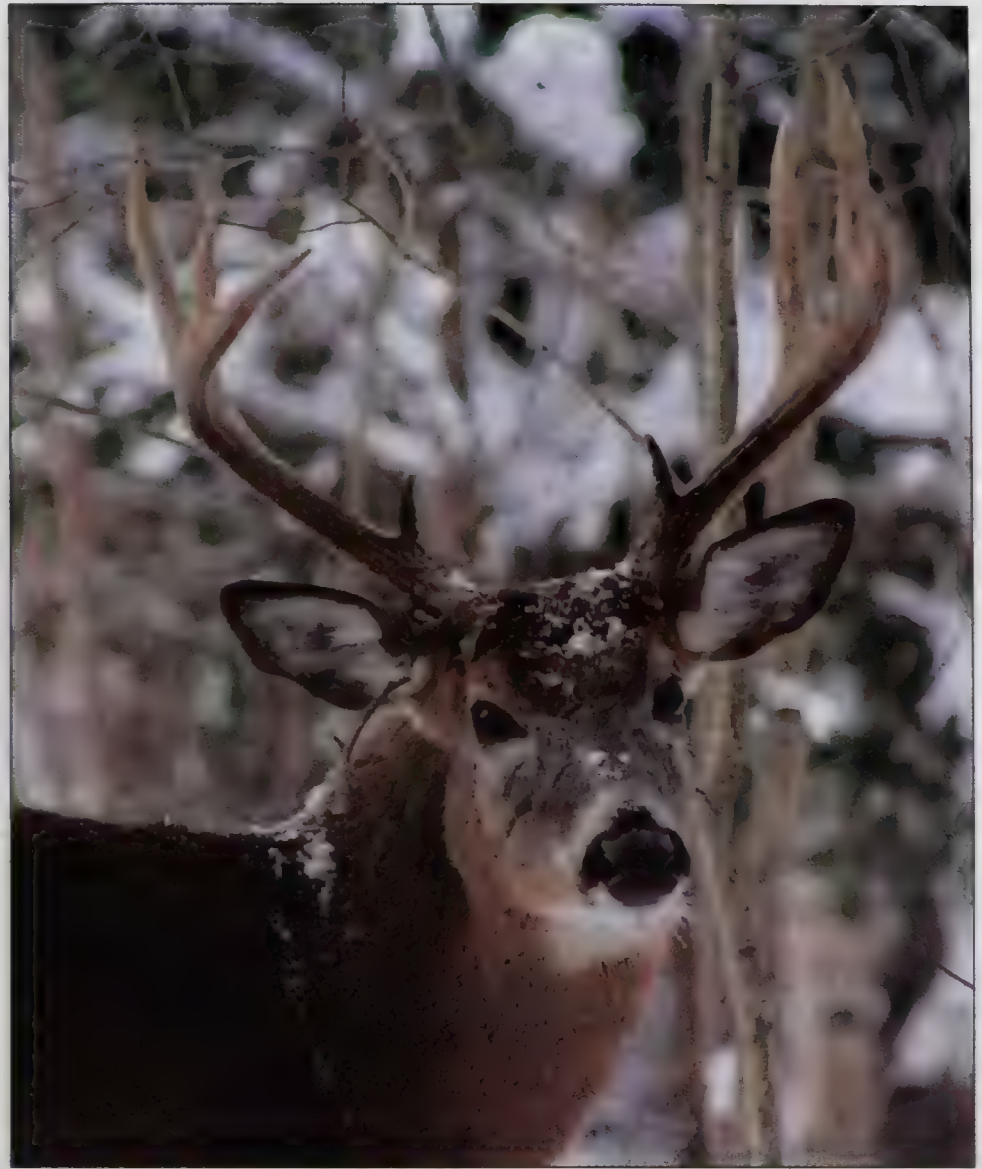
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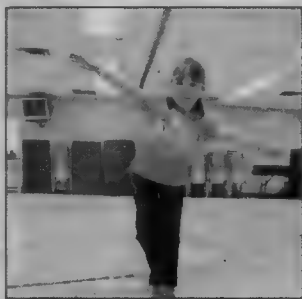
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"We are grateful for the support of the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network, editor Pauline Johnson and the Haliburton County Development Corporation for the commemorative anthology project," says co-ordinator Sheryl Loucks.

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RiverKings ride a season high

Captain traded for 4 players

by MATT JAMES
Times Staff

No one is more pleasantly surprised with the success of the Minden RiverKings than the newly appointed head coach Brooks Robinson. Since taking over the team on November 23, the RiverKings are 3 and 0.

The snappers' latest victory came at home on December 7 against the Ontario Lightning Rams out of Richmond Hill by a score of 7-4. The game was fast and physical, and the two teams traded chances all game long.

Over the last two weeks the team has seen significant changes. The RiverKings director of hockey operations, Dan Garneau, has been busy.

After adding four new players to the roster last week Garneau made another big splash this week in a move that shipped former captain Toby Kathan to Oro-Medonte. And in true Al Pacino form, Garneau said, "I had an offer I could not refuse."

Dealing Kathan was part of a three-team trade that brought the RiverKings two forwards, Cody MacKinnin and 15-year-old Stephen Garcia, and two defensemen, Brendan O'Brian and Matt Duncan.

While Garcia is only 15, he stands more than six feet tall and with the recent changes Garneau feels like things are starting, finally, to fall in place.

"We feel we are the sleeper of the league," he said.

After three wins in a row it may appear that way.

Sunday's game against Richmond Hill started very well for the RiverKings. The team scored three goals in less than five minutes midway through the first period, one of them short-handed.

But after jumping out to an early 3-0 lead, shoddy defence would cost the RiverKings two goals before they could add a power play goal, which brought the first period to an end with a 4-2 lead heading into the second period.

In the second period the teams exchanged power play goals amongst a flurry of penalties, six for the RiverKings and three for the Rams. But the RiverKings would survive the period, and the game for that matter, thanks to some serious goaltending from Andrew Selbie.

On a number of occasions Selbie managed to save what looked to be sure goals for the Rams. Tracking the puck's movement and watching players' body positions he, on two momentous occasions, slid from one side of the crease to the other to stop pucks from going in.

While there were a couple of goals he'd like back, Selbie certainly kept his team in the game, and after two periods the RiverKings held on to a 5-3 lead.

When asked what was said to his players in the dressing room in the second intermission Robinson said, "I told them they had to keep the defence together. It had collapsed



Matt James/TIMES

A sliding Thomas Falardeau attempts to block a shot as defensemen Evan Beasley (14) looks on and Calvin Northam clears the front of the net for the rock, goaltender Andrew Selbie.

a few times in the first two periods."

It appeared defenceman Evan Beasley was listening. He was clearing bodies all over his defensive end in the third period. The offence also came alive as the RiverKings added three more goals to cap the 7-4 win.

"It's been crazy," Robinson said of the win and the past two weeks.

With half a dozen new players the team's dynamic has changed, especially when it comes to special teams. The departed Kathan was an integral part of the team's power play and penalty kill.

"We're going to miss Toby," said Robinson. "He was well liked by all the guys."

But Robinson simply hasn't had the time to practise special teams with the arrival of his new players and the fact he doesn't have an assistant coach doesn't make for easy practices.

Post game Robinson was pleased with his

new players and of their performances. "I think they all did really well for just getting here."

So why all of a sudden are the RiverKings winning under Robinson?

"I don't really know why they play for me," he said.

Game notes

Goals: Jeff Beale, Devon Hunter (short-handed), Cody MacKinnin, Stephan Garcia, Thomas Falardeau, and Brett Meyers (2). Assists: Meyers, Calvin Northam, Mike D'agostino, Cameron Walsh, Briar Hill (2), Falardeau, and Beale.

The RiverKings is now 9-15-1 with 19 points and are sixth out of eight in the north division. The team now has 17 skaters and two goaltenders and Garneau is looking for a third.

The RiverKings next home game is December 14 versus Nipissing at 6 p.m.

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Triple A team too much for Hawks to handle

by MATT JAMES
Times Staff

In Kawartha league hockey it would be difficult for a double A team to beat a triple A team without really strong team defence. And on December 8 at the Dysart et al arena that was the reason the Red Hawks boys hockey teams lost 5-2 against Peterborough's St. Peter's Saints.

Coaches Ron Yake and Gary Brohman knew their team was going to be in tough against the Saints.

"They are the top triple A school," said Yake. "We expected it to be a tough, fast game and that's exactly what it was."

Indeed. It took just over four minutes for the games first goal to be scored. Unfortunately for the Red Hawks, it came from the Saints's quick passes and good puck control, which put enough pressure on the Red Hawks and got them scrambling out of position.

But the Red Hawks have speed and the ability to control the puck as well. And it was these skills that enabled the boys to tie the game at one. After a good fore check to keep the puck in the Saints zone, Brett Yake and Scott Griffith got quick passes to Keaton Gadway for a goal.

With 3:49 left in the first period the Saints took a penalty, which should have brought the game to a 2-1 Red Hawks lead on the power play. However, a scramble in front of the Saints net resulted in a premature whistle as the referee lost sight of the puck, which Brandon Yake had buried in the back of the net. The period ended in a 1-1 tie.

In the second period the Saints displayed offensive skill and the Red Hawks displayed weakness in team defence. The combination resulted in three Saints goals in less than

three minutes.

"We got caught three times out of position in our own end," said Yake. "It's a learning experience for them, to pick their game up to the next level. And that's all part of the learning process."

But the Red Hawks never gave up. Minutes after the three quick goals were scored, Mark Vasey and Brandon Yake got the puck to the Ashton Haley, who flew down the right wing and lasered a wrist shot past the Saints netminder to bring the score to 4-2 at the end of the second period.

In the third the Red Hawks kept the Saints off the scoreboard but were unable to muster any more goals themselves, even with a two-man advantage for two minutes.

After the game Yake was positive about what he saw on the ice despite the loss.

"I think our guys responded well," he said. "If we can take something from that game we need to back check a little harder and look after our own end a little bit better."

In the Monday night game Yake said he liked his players' intensity, especially early on in the game, and in the third period he noted that Red Hawks didn't allow a goal.

"That was probably the most significant thing about that game, we didn't quit," he said. "We didn't come back to tie or win, but we never gave up. Against a team like that, it's an accomplishment."

Game notes

Goals: Keaton Gadway and Ashton Haley. Assists: Scott Griffith, Brett Yake, Brandon Yake, and Mark Vasey.

The Red Hawks took only three penalties in the game against the Saints.

Last week the team suffered a 5-3 loss to Holy Cross.



Matt James/TIMES

Keaton Gadway battles for the puck on Monday night. He also scored the Red Hawks's first goal.

Yake believes Holy Cross looks like the double A team to beat this year. The Red Hawks beat them 4-1 at home earlier this year.

The boys are off to Oshawa Thursday and Friday for a big 36-team tournament.

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Looking back on a Christmas wedding



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This past Sunday found Bruce and I in Ajax celebrating our upcoming 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends. The actual date is December 27 and we both remember the look of dismay on my mother's face as we announced the marriage was planned for two days after Christmas. Bruce was teaching school back in 1958 and so the choice was between Christmas, spring break or waiting until summer. We thought how romantic a Christmas wedding would be with our church aglow with garlands, lights and choir voices while Mom, being more practical, could only focus on all the other tasks to be completed without a wedding to be planned. All went well. Four years later we found ourselves hurrying to finish up Christmas preparations with a first baby due on Christmas Eve. Right on time

David Fraser announced his arrival early that Christmas morning and so this time of year remains a very special time.

This Sunday, December 14 Santa will make his Kinmount arrival in style with a parade along Main Street beginning at 2 p.m. and finishing up at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441. Once again the Kinmount Legion and the Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development join together to sponsor a valued community event for the benefit of all our families and neighbouring residents and especially for the children. See you there.

Speaking of the children if you would like to help brighten up a Christmas morning for a child or teen in our area the Kinmount & District Lions Club have the annual Angel Trees in locations around town including the post office, the pharmacy and the Kawartha Credit Union just waiting for your unwrapped toy or gift item to be placed underneath. The Minden Food Bank also deserves our support not only during this holiday season but year round.

Making plans to welcome in the New Year

2009? The Kinmount Legion is pleased to have D.J. Tommy Williamson on board for its New Year's Eve dance on Wednesday, December 31 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Advance tickets if bought by December 24 are only \$12.50 per person and \$15 after that date. Tickets can be obtained from the branch by dropping by or by calling 488-3462. Please note that a designated driver will be available in town and for the local surrounding area. For you Bingo fans the Legion is holding a special Christmas bingo this Friday, December 12 starting at 6:45 p.m. with turkeys, hams, cash prizes and a \$200 "must-go" jackpot. That would certainly help to take the edge of your Christmas shopping!

Storytime continues at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday mornings at the Kinmount Library with the Teen Read Club there on Saturday morning, December 20 at 11 a.m. For more information give the Branch a call at 488-3199. There are also programs at other branches throughout the City of Kawartha Lakes including those at Bobcaygeon, Burnt River and Cobocok and for specific details do give those branches a call.

Now for the scoring news with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

December 2 euchre at Lochlin: Barb Carpenter reports that the group was especially pleased to welcome back Betty Hicks who recorded the ladies' high score. Don Hicks took men's high with Ralph Young and Lorna Hicks claiming the lows. Pearl Cowen won for lone hands and Gala Newell for the draw (again).

December 2 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: In first place was the duo of Alf Briscoe and Dorene Elstone with 333 points then Ray Lymer and Peggy Beattie 277. Joan Meadows and Merv Elstone were

third at 214 with George Hamilton and Colleen Davison low at 92. Thanks to Pearl Cowen for her regular shuffleboard updates.

December 2 bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading the ladies was Phyllis Windsor at 306 with Pat Roussel next at 285 and our reporter Jean Scadden 275 third. Topping the gents was Mary Lou Barr 319 followed by Margaret Fletcher 279 and Tom Grix 270. The draw winners were Jean Scadden, Don Burch, Karen Harrison and Vi Howell while Ida Young (2), Mary Lou Barr, Jesse Barlow, Tom Grix, Don Burch and Pat Scadden took the moonshots.

December 2 contract bridge at Stanhope: Dorothy Strype was first at 5,600 then our bridge events' reporter Margo Davidson 4,480 and Joan Davies 4,380. Paul Pethick won the Shiny Penny and Helen Regan the lucky draw.

December 3 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing the Howell movement Bruce Armstrong and Harold Cox led at 62 per cent with Stella McMillan and Ross Davies next at 57 per cent and Bill Sandford partnered with Reet Murray third at 53 per cent.

December 3 bid euchre at Stanhope: Linda Lambert reports that moonshots landed on Dave Switzer, Lottie Rutan (2), Clara Miscio and Jean Dutka. High for the pinks at 292 was Dorene Elstone with Lottie Rutan 286 second and Trudy Kroes 268 third. At 317 Kay Naylor led the gents with Len Kroes 291 second and Garth Windsor 271 third.

December 4 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand holders were Kay Orr and Kevin Maloney with Gwen Cox and John Mallon taking the high scores. Pearl Cowen and Bob Pollard claimed the lows while Jesse Barlow, Maria Tschida, Bob Pollard, Don Hicks and Tom Orr took home the evening's other prizes.

December 5 euchre at Stanworth Court,

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TAKE NOTICE: An Application for Plan of Subdivision/Condominium has been submitted to the County of Haliburton, the approval authority in these matters. The Application has been reviewed and has been found to be complete.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The application proposes to create a 13 lot recreational residential subdivision. The proposed lots will be serviced with private water and septic systems with access over private rights-of-way.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at the public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Haliburton in respect of the proposed plan of subdivision/condominium before the approval authority gives or refuses to give approval to the draft plan of subdivision/condominium, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the County of Haliburton to the Ontario Municipal Board.

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REQUESTING NOTICE OF DECISION: A decision will be made by the Council of County of Haliburton once the review of the proposal has been completed. If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Council of the County of Haliburton in respect of the proposed plan of subdivision/condominium, you must make a written request to the Planning Department, County of Haliburton, P.O. Box 399, 11 Newcastle St., Minden, ON K0M 2K0.

OTHER RELATED APPLICATIONS: An Application for an amendment to the Official Plan for the Township of Algonquin Highlands and an amendment to the comprehensive Zoning By-law for the Township of Algonquin Highlands will be processed concurrently.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information regarding this Application for Plan of Subdivision/Condominium is available for public inspection at the Planning Department, County of Haliburton, by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dated at the Township of Minden this 10th day of December, 2008.

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Lots of prizes won

from page 18

Minden: June Branning reports that Albert Foster won for high hands, Pat Bailey for lone hands and Doreen Francis for low hands. Maria Tschida and Murray Daniels were the lucky winners of the special prizes.

December 5 bid euchre at Club 35: For the pinks top spot went to Helen Windsor 293 then Jean Scadden 290 and our reporter Mary Pearson 219. Tom Marshall led the white cards at 275 followed by Pat Scadden 269 and Jim O'Brien 242 while Dorene Elstone held the hidden score.

December 5 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: North/South winners at 58 per cent were Joan Davies and Sue Pethick with Reet Murray and Bill Sandford second at 54 per cent. Seated East/West Rob Eaton and Peter O'Connor led at 56 per cent while Ev Morgan partnered with Jacqueline Metcalf were next at 54 per cent.

December 6 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Tops for the white cards was June Branning 286 then Jesse Barlow 272 and Tom Grix 252. Pink power was with Pearl Cowen first at 261 then Theresa Deak 246 and Sherin Brown 230 while Pat Roussel took the single moonshots. Thanks to Albert Foster for this update.

December 8 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand honours went to Barb Braithwaite and Joyce Ritchie who also won the special prize. High score holders were Annah Buxcey and our reporter Tim Sharpe with Betty Sharp claiming the afternoon's low.

December 8 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Don Jemmett reports that John Sparks won for high hands, Carol Derbyshire for lone hands, Sandra Crockett for low hands and Maria Tschida for the special prize.

December 8 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: The top trio in order were Mildred St. Thomas 300, Pat St. Thomas- Lees 294 and Vic Ballik 244. Pat St. Thomas- Lees also won the draw while Dorothy McElwain and Marjorie Paradis took the moonshots.

December 8 euchre at Club 35: Holding the most lone hands was Dorothy Upton with Linda Voycey claiming the bologna. It was Pearson "clean sweep" with Mary and Tom recording the high scores while Helen Windsor and Jim O'Brien had the evening's lows.



Madylin Rensink has a visit with Santa.

Kinmount is the centre of the universe

For the past 10 years the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park has been home to a community treelighting ceremony brought to the community by the Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development.

On December 4 the Christmas tree, donated by the Hill family, was lit up in front of community members. It was a crispy night in Kinmount but the below-zero temperatures weren't anything a hot chocolate couldn't cure.

Pleased with the community's spirit, committee member and event organizer Jane Austin told those around the big Christmas tree that Kinmount was "the centre of the universe." Which, of course, earned big applause.

The Kinmount Sparks, Brownies and Girl Guides sang a couple of Christmas carols before the countdown began to light the tree.

Inside the old railway station the seniors' club had prepared some baked goods while the Kinmount and Area Railroad Club provided the hot chocolate.

While the event was brief Austin says, "It's truly community. It's not big, it's not flash - it's just a lovely testament to community spirit."



Would Ashley Parsons like some hot chocolate with her marshmallows?



Cynthia Gilmore, Bob Nesbitt, and Barb Fountain enjoy an outdoor fire.

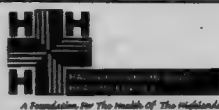
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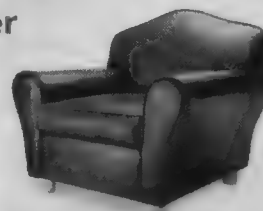
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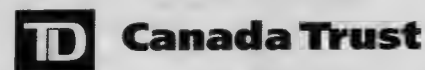
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- December 11: 1st Time Homebuyers Mortgage Workshop at the Wigamog Inn Resort 5:30 p.m. – Come and learn how you can take advantage of this fast approaching Buyers Market and support your community at the same time! Low rates and falling house prices = opportunities for home buyers. Geared to 1st time homebuyers, but everyone is welcome. This is a free workshop, however your donations to the Haliburton County Home Builder's Christmas Toy Challenge are greatly appreciated – bring with you a new unwrapped toy in support of the 4Cs. Call Dale to reserve – Space is limited 705-286-6808
- December 12: Wing Night at the Coboconk Legion starting at 5:30 p.m.
- December 14: Kinmount Santa Claus Parade – Main St at 2 p.m. Sponsored by K.C.P.E.D and The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441. Floats to assemble by 1:30 p.m. at Tim-br Mart Lumber. For more information call 488-2635.
- December 17: Haliburton OEYC Christmas Party and potluck starting at 10 a.m. – Join us for craft, carol singing, potluck lunch and gingerbread decorating. Our special visitor will arrive at 12 p.m. Please bring a wrapped book with your child's name on it and your favorite potluck dish to share with friends. Please sign up in advance or phone 457-2989.
- December 17: Minden OEYC Christmas Party and potluck starting at 10 a.m. – Join us for craft, carol singing, potluck lunch and gingerbread decorating. Please bring a wrapped book with your child's name on it and your favorite potluck dish to share with friends. Please sign up in advance or phone 286-1770.
- December 17: OEYC Christmas Party visits the Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce, starting at 10 a.m. – Join us for craft, music, a scavenger hunt and gingerbread decorating. Please sign up in advance or phone 286-1770 or leave a message at 457-2989. Due to the Christmas holidays, our next visit will be on January 15th.
- December 20: Coboconk Legion is hosting at Open House
- December 21: Zion United Church Choir presents More than a Manger – Come join us in Carnarvon at 9 am for our Christmas Cantata, directed by Melissa Stephens. Refreshments to follow.
- December 24: Join us in celebrating the birth of Christ. Services at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Minden – 4 -11 p.m. St. Paul's is on the Gull River in Minden, opposite The Beer Store. Call the church office for more information: 286-2541.
- December 31: New Year's Eve Dance – At the Kinmount Legion Hall at 9 p.m. Sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.ca, or brought in to the office.

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Gina Atkinson

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Now I say "he" and I shouldn't assume that there are no female drivers out there, so I will stand corrected if necessary. I just know from personal preference that I would rather let men go out and choose these nasty jobs, almost like rolling out the red carpet for the rest of us.

Santa Claus is making a special trip to the Stanhope Firefighters' Hall on Saturday, December 13. Stanhope firefighters invited him to take part in their annual Christmas party. Young and old(er) are invited to join

the fun, which begins at the hall at noon.

Everyone loves a winner (except the losers). Congratulations go out to the winners of the Haliburton Community Living Travel Club Lottery for the month of December. They are Carrie Gill and Greg Stamp, both residents of Haliburton and each \$50 richer.

Is it me or does it seem that when December hits it races towards Christmas like nobody's business?

With that in mind, you won't want to miss the Zion United Church Choir's Christmas Cantata, "More Than a Manger", directed by Melissa Stephens.

Mark your calendars for December 21 at 9 a.m. to attend this presentation at the Zion United Church and enjoy refreshments afterwards.

The Zion Church is on East Road right here in downtown Carnarvon.

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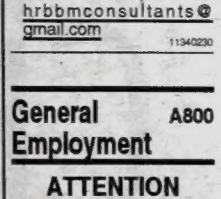
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PENTLAND, George William "Billy" - Died peacefully on Thursday, December 4, 2008 at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden. At the age of 82. Beloved husband of Marie and the late Vera. Precious father of Janice Irwin and her husband Dennis, David Pentland and his wife Sandy. Loving grandpa of April, Julie, Lisa, and Michael. Dear brother of Olive and Harold Birt. Fondly remembered by his family and friends. A Funeral Service will be held at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden on Friday, December 12, 2008 at 2:00 pm. Reception to follow at the church hall (downstairs). Memorial donations to St. Paul's Anglican Church, Hyland Crest Residents Council or SIRCH would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

YEO, Bill - Passed away at the Highland Wood Long Term Care Unit, Haliburton on Sunday, December 7, 2008. At the age of 72. Beloved husband of Elaine Yeo (nee Moore). Loving father of Randy McNabb (Cindy) of St. Catharines, Celina Thrasher (Brian) of Minden and proud poppa of Donny and Daniel. Predeceased by his two sisters Faye Templeman and Susan Sharpe. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., PO Box 472, Minden K0M 2K0 on Thursday, December 11, 2008 from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. Reception will follow the visitation at the Staunworth Terrace in the Common Room, 44 Parkside St., Minden. A Private Family Interment Service will be held in the spring at the Minden Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or to the Highland Wood LTC Family Council would be appreciated by the family. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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Obituaries

STRANG, Cecil Frederick - Fred passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 7, 2008 at the age of 83. Beloved husband of Joyce for 61 years. Loving father to Fred (Heather), John (Paulette) and Joanne. Grandpa to Jon, Nicole, Ken and David. Brother to Gordon (Kay) and Marg Locke (Charlie). Fred was a veteran of WWII and the RCAF, Bell Canada employee for 38 years. He will be fondly remembered by the customers and staff at Strang's valu-mart where he volunteered at the front of the store for many years afterwards. Throughout his life, Fred enjoyed helping others with his technical skills and was also involved with several organizations including the Boy Scouts, Scarborough and Minden Amateur Radio clubs and the Experimental Aircraft Association. Fred was a private pilot and also a Gliding instructor and taught The History of Flight with the Air Cadets. He was very proud of his children and grandchildren and enjoyed helping them out whenever the opportunity presented. Fred's Crystal Lake cottage vision and subsequent legacy serves as a living reminder of his foresight and family focus. Family and friends will be received at Monk Funeral Home, 6 Helen Street, Bobcaygeon (705-738-3222 or 866-393-0063) from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. Thursday. A celebration of Fred's life will be held at Monk Funeral Home on Friday, December 12th, 2008 at 11 a.m. The family wishes to thank the wonderful caregivers of Case Manor, Bobcaygeon for making Fred's stay as comfortable as possible. If desired, memorial donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated. Messages of condolence and donations may be placed at www.monkfuneralhome.com

Card of thanks

The family of David Coulter would like to thank all our friends and family for their love, support, flowers, cards. A special thank you to the ladies that served the lunch also Kirsten and Barry for their help to make things easier for us. The paramedics and doctors at Minden Hospital who looked after David we are so grateful to have them in our town.
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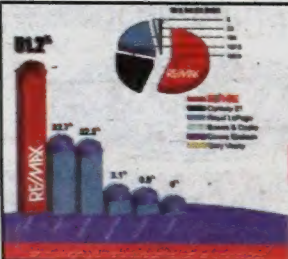
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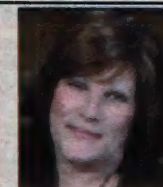


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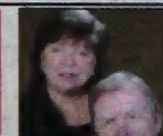


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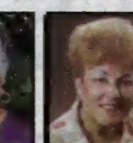
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